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The Ethics of Socialism

(continued from page 1) filling of the land law according to the words of the Saviour? To secure the rights of the weak, and safeguard them

against the greed of mammon. All the foremost writers of Socialism are agreed as to taking over into public ownership only the most prominent of the public utilizers, such as railroads, express, telegraph, telephone, electric light, cars, waterworks and trusts breaking the laws, also the immense tracks of public land fraudulently abtained from the government; the people's land which was lawfully given away. All other propositions for public ownership would be submitted serietim (as they arose) to a vote of all the people. It is plain therefore there will be no changes from the present system of land titles in this generation | Economy of Jesus'': 'Only an infiniother than such as pertain to the public domains. All else will be left to times have come down to us (in the e lucational development and object les- form of manuscripts). It is known to a interest and profits.

Jesus) they that devour widows' houses records particularly those relating to widows' houses' the same as now; industry was wiped out, and Pagan gages. Socialism proposes methods followers of Christ. The fetters renothing or doing no useful work. monwealth and brotherhood of man. What does the law say which Christ said must abide? See Dent. 23: 19: "Thou shalt not lend upon interest to thy brother; interest of money, interest of victuals; interest of anything, etc., that Jehovah, thy God, may bless thee in all that thou puttest thy hand unto." (American Standard Version) We read "usury" in the King James Version, but not in the modern sense of interest in excess of the legal rate, for in Israel there was no legal rate-none whatever was legal. The Hebrew word "Neshek" meant a biting (as of a serpent) and stood for interest as biting to the needy. Christ made this law more full (Gk. pleroo) as in Lu. 6: 34, 35 and Matt. 5: 42. The law thus made more complete by the Saviour may be too drastic under the present capitalistic system, save in exceptional cases. But Jesus was laying foundations for a new system in which the law could be fulfilled as perfected by Himself.

Associated with the law against interest is also that of increase or profittaking. The prophets were the best by Miss Carrie Machett, of Wabasso, expounders of the law. Ezekiel, in pronouncing condemnation on the wicked names the following in the Bethel Creek schoolhouse Sunday the list of sins enumerated, "hath given forth unto interest, and hath taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live." There is this difference between them and us. They acted in violation of the laws of the land of Isreal-we under a pagan civilization that has legalized these wrongs. But must it ever be so? Shall society never be redeemed from its economic sins? With the maxim. "To the workers belong the products of their labor." The foregoing laws comprise the fandemental economics of Socialism. Summed up in a word, they mean justice, the foundbe carefully looked after and ation of the economics of the law of the prophets magnificently enforced by the Saviour, who enlarged upon it the grandest of ethics: Love-"on which hang all the law and the prophets." How much nearer to it can any political system attain than the Socialist aim to abolish all competiton and unite the world in a brotherhood of co-operation, giving equal opportunity to all. No wonder that grand philanthropist, Frances Willard, after giving herself to the study of Socialism proclaimed it to a great audience: "Would that I were young again, and it should have my life! It is God's way out of the ing the lumber for his new home at the wilderness and into the promised land. river. It is the very marrow of Christ's gospel.

It is Christianity applied." The co-operative feature of Socialism remains to be considered which constituted an integral factor in early Christ- the price. ianity from the day of Pentecost to the Emperor Constantine A. D. 325. Time will not admit of a proper treatment of so interesting a subject. Comrades This is the first automobile that has will do well to secure a copy of "The Political Economy of Jesus," a booklet by A. W. Ricker, in which he quotes from a book named "The Ancient Lowly," by C. Osborne Ward, a former member of the U. S. Labor Bureau. It is a compilation in two volumes of 1200 pages of records excavated by archaeologist from buried cities found chiseled in the walls of temples, catacombs and other hiding soon to be organized in Daytona. places of the Christians. "There the mony that in all the cities and towns of Ordinary prices, extraordinary quality.

the Roman empire, the Christians maintained co-operative accieties in conjunction with Labor Unions, and that these industrial centers were the real cause of the persecutions of Christians. Let us quote: "When finally the Roman emperors undertook to blot out unionism, and incidently Christianity, it was necessary to murder the inhabitants of entire cities." Constantine seeing the futility (and injustice) of persecution, adopted a different course. Chambers, Encyclopedia says of him, "He was yet a pagan, but his sense of justice and conviction of the growing importance of the Christians, both as a moral and political element in the life of the empire, had from the very first induced him to protect them,"-"During the latter years of his life Christianity became the State religion."

We quote again from the "Political tesimal part of the records of these son of the Superior method-mortgages, certainty that during the third and fourth centuries there was a wholesale "Beware of the Scribes," (said destruction and mutilation of historical and for a pretence make long prayers" Jesus and the early Christians. It was (Mk. 12: 38) It needs no learned necessary to do this in order to create authority to tell us how they "devour the church of State," Co-operative lending money on interest and mort- capitalism fastened upon the faithful of abolishing interest and morigages main to this day. Socialism comes as and also profit taking. the underlying the handmaid of Christianity to open principle is condemned, which fosters the way to the "old paths" and march an idle class which enables one to grow together onward and upward to the rich off others' labor, while producing crowning glory of a co-operative com-

E. T. R. FRIPP.

NARROWS

F. C. Poppell and family dined with J. T. Jenkins and family, Sunday.

Lewis Sheffield spent the afternoon of last Sunday with Emmett McPhail.

The cold wave has passed over and we are having pleasant weather again. Miss Ruth Cox, of Quay, spent a part of this week with Miss Maggie

Prof. A. E. Morgan and D. J. Knowles spent a part of Monday with F. C. Poppell.

A small-sized manatee very nearly capsized D. J. Knowles' boat while he was crossing the river to Quay Sunday

Prof. A. E. Morgan, County Superintendent of Taylor Co., of Perry, Fla., was in our midst Sunday.

E. A. Holt and family accompanied attended church here Sunday.

The next singing will be held at the 25th. A full attendance is desired.

J. S. Keen accompanied by his nephew, P. Johnson, of Fort Pierce. attended church here Saturday and

A few of our people visited the beach Sunday and had the opportuniny of seeing two small sharks come in near

Sunday was the regular appointment with our church and was well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the sermon very much.

VERO.

W. J. Grice is able to be around again after a severe attack of rheumatism.

Crops are looking much better than it was expected after the recent cold. S. B. Jones has made his first shipment

of grapefruit, and others will begin to ship in a few days.

Mrs. N. O. Penny, who has been spending sometime in Melbourne returned home Wednesday night.

Eugene Roudety, who came here recently from Sioux City, Iowa, is expect-

F. C. Gifford visited Fort Pierce Tuesday night and while there was initiated in the mysteries of the Woodmen. He says that it was cheap at

Last Wednesday we heard an unusual noise, and on looking out perceived Banker Fee in his autocar go flying by. ever passed Vero by road.

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